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POLICE INVOLVED SHOOTING

Today, at approximately 4:45 p.m. Seymour Police received a 911 call reporting that a shooting had taken place at an Eye Doctors Office located at 25 New Haven Road in Seymour. It was further reported that there was one wounded victim and that the shooter was still on the premises inside the offices.

Seymour Officer responded to the location and the Seymour Officers entered the offices. Upon entry one Officer confronted Dr. Dennis Kissel who made a threatening gesture toward the officer. That Seymour Police Officer fired his service weapon at Dr. Kissel severely wounding him.

Seymour Officers also discovered a wounded victim, Dr. George Tzpeos, inside the offices. Dr. Kissel was transported via ambulance to Griffin Hospital Emergency Room where he was pronounced dead shortly before 6 p.m. Dr. Tzpeoa was transported via ambulance to Yale New Haven Hospital where he is being treated for non life threatening injury.

The Seymour Chief of Police and the Milford State's Attorney requested the Connecticut State Police Central District Major Crime Squad Detectives respond to this scene to conduct the investigation and answer all questions surrounding what transpired at this scene.

The office of the chief State's Medical Examiner will conduct a post mortem examination on Dr. Kissel to determine the manner and cause of death.

The identity of the Scymour officer involved is being with held at this time to allow him to notify his family of his involvement in this incident. The Officer will be placed on administrative duty, as is department policy pending the out come of the State Police investigation.

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